

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Howard L. Schwartz

Years of CalPERS-Covered Service: 7.8

Employer: California Public Employees' Retirement System

Job Classification: Staff Counsel IV

None of us are getting rich. But we are all given a promise. Work long enough and some day we can expect a pension and medical plan that will allow us to live with dignity in our senior years. That is a fair deal for those of us who protect the public, educate our children, secure our prisons, care for the needy, design and maintain our highways, and keep safe the natural resources of California.

Now our promise is in peril. Politicians would like nothing more than to use our retirement funds for their own special projects. Greedy drug companies and hospital chains are driving the cost of health care through the roof. Our employer is refusing to pay more for benefits, and we have greater deductions from our checks.

For over twenty years I have fiercely defended the rights and benefits of State employees. Many of you know my record as a supervising attorney with the CSEA legal staff, later as the Chief Counsel for the Department of Personnel Administration, and today, as a Senior Staff Counsel with the CalPERS Legal Office.

Join me. Together we will keep the promise of a secure future for State employees alive.

ADDENDUM

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Here's where we stand:

- CalPERS health plan premiums increase by double digits year after year.
- Thousands of new State employees are forced into an Alternate Retirement Plan.
- Legislators propose to eliminate our defined benefit pensions.

Our paychecks are at risk. Our CalPERS representative promises to help. We wait for leadership. Many hear nothing. We deserve better.

Firefighters, Correctional Officers, Highway Patrolmen, office, campus and institutional employees all want strong, new leadership. Their unions agree.

I am endorsed by:

- CDF Firefighters
- CCPOA
- CAHP
- CAPT
- CAPS
- CASE

Join us. Vote Schwartz

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